

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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I.A.F. OFFICER INVOLVED IN BOMB BLAST

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Corps of Detectives investigated the series of bomb-blasts in churches across Karnataka, AP and Goa in May-June this year and arrested a Junior Warrant Officer of IAF for his alleged links with Pakistani ISI and passing some sensitive defence documents to that country;

(b) if so, whether in the past some retired officers of army have been found to have linkage with the ISI;

(c) if so, the total number of such officers arrested so far; and

(d) the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. JWO, H. Syed was arrested by Karnataka Police (Corps of Detectives) on 8th August, 2000 for his alleged involvement in serial blasts case in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Goa. The JWO, subsequently, after his arrest, confessed having passed classified information to Pakistani agents.

(b) to (d): No involvement of any retired Army Officer with Pak ISI has come to notice and no Army officer has been arrested for having links with Pak ISI, in recent past. However, an Army Officer, who had been court-martialled and dismissed from Army for malpractices, in 1995, was arrested at Lucknow by UP Police/IB for involvement with Pak ISI, on the 5th September, 2000. JWO H. Syed is in judicial custody. Andhra Pradesh Police, which is investigating the case, has filed chargesheet, in the case under the relevant provisions of law.